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FORESTS AND WATER

(New York Times)

In his annual report to the Secretary of Agriculture, Lyle F. Watts, Chief of the Forest Service, puts special emphasis on the problems connected with forest and range management on the nation's highland watersheds. The problem is stated bluntly in terms of economic loss to the country. "We are paying a huge price every year in heavy losses, erratic stream behavior, reduced water quality, sedimentation, and in many other ways for our failure to give enough care to the highlands that water our valleys.

Many citizens do not appreciate that the wild areas at higher elevations are the source of all our major rivers. Research and experience in the last quarter century have revealed a considerable amount of factcal data, but only a beginning has been made in solving the national problem of watershed protection. The whole situation is governed by a basic principle. . water unless checked runs downhill. The crux of holding water in reserve and prevgnting floods costly in human lives and property loss is to maintain an adequate cover of trees, shrubs and grasses on the highlands.

The report lists the very considerable accomplishments to date, but points out there are critical areas where specialized treatment is needed to guarantee future water supplies. Hundreds of thousands of acres need reforestation, tirable areas must be seeded to grasses. It is interesting to note that national forest watershed regions provide all or most of the water for more than 1,000 cities, for 21,000,000 acres under irrigation in seventeen states and for more than 400 power projects. "Forests and the Nation's Water Reserve" is a summary of the situation and a challenge to constructive future action."

VALUE OF PEACE

(Christian Science Monitor)

It is claimed frequently that Americans measure success by dollars and cents. What cash value do they put on peace? A sardonic answer is suggested by a recent speaker on America's Town Meeting of the Air who pointed out that while Americans were willing to spend more than $75,000 to kill a single member of the enemy during the war, they are haggling over spending $7.50 to save one of their friends in order to preserve the peace.

This, of course, takes no account of the individual generosity flowing out from the United States to the needy everywhere. It leaves out of account a dozen other factors. But it should still leave dollar-wise Americans asking what's wrong with their calculations.

MORAL OBLIGATIONS FIRST

(Montreal Daily Star)

When a man has lost the power to condemn or reverence anything it is high time the fires of sanctity dilllllleld ddddlllit dddd dd d be relighted on the altar of his soul.

The world's conscience today is attuned to selfishness. Men, however, are not all selfish, but as a public or private policy the sin of selfishness is disclosed in all its hideous ugliness. The time has come when moral obligations must take precedence over merely legal obligations, and the relation of men and nations must be defined in spiritual terms if humanity is to be saved from complete moral and material bankruptcy.....

ALL - STATE?

(Roanoke World-News)

The AP Virginia "All-State" basketball team is made up of one man each from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois, New Jersey and Kentucky. Did we say All-State?

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

(Winchester Star)

So frequently has America been called the land of opportunity the phrase has become hackneyed, but nonetheless true. By the unsuccessful and disgruntled the claim is not accepted. Increasing thousands, unwilling to fight their own economic battles, have turned to the government for support.

A government turned paternalistic is responsible for much of this, it being a human frailty to always take the easier course. In spite of this recent tendency, striking examples of business success are reported almost daily.

Samuel Marcus came to this country 30 years ago. He was a middle - aged mechanic, without money. He found employment at his trade, eventually went into a small manufacturing business of his own. The other day he died. Attorneys for the estate filed his will for probate. The attached inventory showed a value of $2,000,000.

This immigrant did not fall into an unexpected fortune. He accumulated the wealth in business, amassing $2,000,000 in 25 years. What was the line which brought him such good fortune? You'd never guess. He manufactured glass eyes for dolls.

America is the land of opportunity for those who have the ambition and the vision to see it.

THE LULL BEFORE....

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Each story or pun,
She's happy when he's
Clowning in fun.
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Gets mad or enraged;
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—Exchange.

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Russian plan for atomic control faces defeat.

Declare that Anti-Semitism is rising in United States.

Federal budget cuts may exceed $2 billion goal.

Heavy arms outlay may revive inflationary trend.

Two are killed in collapse of a Jersey City building.

Vote in Romania gives Leftists a firmer grip on government.

Phone 30 with News Items.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Uncle Sam Says

The kid in upper 4 captured your heart during wartime. In spirit you traveled with him toward his uncertain future on the battlefields. The kid upstairs today is yours. The "kid" may be a freckled boy or a curly haired little girl—your son or daughter who will need your help through savings to find a place in everyday life. The Payroll Savings Plan for buying United States Savings Bonds where you work is the only automatic, safe, profitable way for you to buy bonds by the installment payment method. In this way you can build the nestegg which can make the difference between wishing and having the funds for education and a secure future for your children. If you are self-employed, buy bonds automatically through the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank.

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The LETTER BOX

Editor, Times-Virginian,
Appomattox, Va.
Sir:

The following was rewritten from an issue of the Lynchburg Daily News dated October the 8th, 1868.

I felt that this be interesting to some of your subscribers, especially Judge Flood who is the son of Major J. W. Flood. I was quite well acquainted with Major Flood, as on many occasions he visited my father's home; and many of the other delegates names are familiar. . .

I was born and reared in Appomattox County, and while I left there some forty years ago, I still go there often, and feel it is my home.

Yours very truly,

Robert D. Hughes.

(The article mentioned follows:)

COMMUNICATION

REWRITTEN

BY

ROBERT D. HUGHES

FROM LYNCHBURG DAILY NEWS, OCT. 8th, 1868

At a meeting of the citizens of Appomattox Co.held at Evergreen, Oct. 6th, Col. S. D. McDearmon was called to the chair, and John Sneed appointed secretary.

The president explained the object of the meeting. It was to appoint delegates to the commercial convention, which will meet in Norfolk on the 2nd. Wednesday of the present month. On motion the following were appointed delegates:

P. L. Thornton
Dr. J. R. McDearmon
Hon. Thomas S. Bocock
S. F. Wright
J. W. Flood
J. R. Franklin
C. T. Plunkett
Dr. J. R. Robertson
James Couch
F. H. Thornton
Wm. H. Trent
Dr. R. H. Watkins
Spencer Gilliam
Wm. B. Farnar
Rev. J. H. Cawthorn
John Sneed
S. D. McDearmon
Dr. T. P. Mathews.

On motion Col. McDearmon was appointed chairman to report the arrival of the delegates at Norfolk.

Editor, Times-Virginian:

Dear Sir:

A few words to the public, as I want to express in regards to the race problem:

Dear friends and citizens: It seems that there is a great deal of trouble about the white and colored going together. I want to say if we will read the holy Bible we will find it says that out of one blood was all nations made to dwell on the face of the earth. As for me, I say let the Negro be as we are and the white folks likewise. We are together in work an I also in business to help each other. I found myself this way and I am very well satisfied in this way. I don't want to go to the white folks church and sit up there side by side. I don't want to go to the white folks house and sit at the table with them. I would not feel right. So I don't think it would be best for us and neither for the whites. I will say let us all try to use more time trying to do what the Lord wants us to do, and ask the Lord to help us to make laws and government that will be right and accepted. I think this way is best for peace. The Lord will take care of us if we will let him and put us together when he gets ready. I don't believe there is any difference in the heaven. I will say let us all try to make our home in heaven and will be together there. So, I hope this will be worth a thought to my white friends and also colored ones. I am Henry Phelps, of Appomattox County, Virginia, R.F.D. 4, and have been living here for about 77 years. So, I have seen a great deal of this world, and have been living with white people all the time. We wish to be respected as a race and protected. I have rode on the train when we sit together and since and I don't see any difference. So let us all do the best for peace and love for the Lord and each other.

—Henry Phelps.

GOP primary test due next week in Wisconsin.

Pope Pius tells Easter audience world has reached a crossroads.

German midget sub to be shown in Richmond.

Orlando says Communist victory unlikely in Italian election.

The BIBLE SPEAKS

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SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 1—4; 33:1-9.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 137:1-6.

Prophet Among Exiles

Lesson for April 4, 1948

THIS quarter we study the Captivity and Return of the Jews, using the Books of Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Sunday's lesson is found in Ezekiel 1-4 and 33:1-9.

Dr. Newton

It would be well for us to read again the history of this most interesting man, Ezekiel—how he came to be among the captives by the river Chebar. He is one of the most attractive personalities in the Old Testament — a man of surpassing culture and charm—and yet enabled to "sit where they sat."

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A MESSENGER OF GOD

EZEKIEL could never have adapted himself to the role of ministering to the captive slaves apart from the knowledge that he was the messenger of God — the messenger of God's hope to broken, beaten souls.

God spoke to his people through Ezekiel. He speaks to his people today through chosen messengers —parents, teachers, the Bible, the Holy Spirit. God may be speaking to you today.

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HEAR YE THE WORD

EZEKIEL'S approach to the Jews in captivity was by the authority of God's direct message to them through him. Ezekiel was faithful to God's appointment and mission. He knew that what he had to say to the Jews meant their hope of release and return.

He studied their plight. He studied their mood. And then he spoke to them. But not only did he speak to them, telling them what God wanted them to know, but he moved among them. He loved them.

He had God's message, and he went in God's mood of compassion. We cannot help people until we understand them and love them.

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GOD'S WATCHMAN

EZEKIEL reminded the people that he had been sent from God as a watchman, and he told them what terrible responsibility was upon him in warning them to repent and return unto God. Read Ezekiel 33:1-9.

If the watchman faithfully warns the people, and they refuse to heed the warning, their blood will not be on his hands; but if he fail to warn the people, their blood will be on his hands. Here is a lesson for every teacher and preacher and parent today.

And in this same 33rd chapter, Ezekiel goes on to declare God's attitude toward all sinners. "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live —turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?"

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A WATCHMAN UNTO EXILES

"SON of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel," Ezekiel 3:17.

This was the explicit commission of God to Ezekiel. And grandly did Ezekiel accept and execute to the limit of his ability that commission.

The Jews were far from their beloved home. They were driven by hard masters. They could not sing the song of the Lord in a strange land. They had hanged their harps on the willow trees.

With a sensitive soul, Ezekiel comes to them with the word of hope. He reminds them of the goodness and mercy of Jehovah to their fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He lifts their drooping spirits with clear and ringing words of promise. He pleads with them to confess their sins and claim the pardoning mercy of a loving God.

He used numerous means of gaining their attention — symbols of their former communion with God. Patiently he traced the dealings of God with them and their fathers before them.

They listened, and all who heeded the pleas of the faithful watchman were saved and restored to faith in the goodness and mercy of God.

We, too, are watchmen among exiles. Let us learn the high art of Ezekiel in our ministry as watchman.

The churches will fail if the lessons of Sunday are forgotten on Monday and are laid aside for special observance on only one day of the week. — Wayne Morse, U. S. senator from Oregon.

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Oakville

Oakville, March 30.- Mrs. E. J. Marsh has returned to Bassett, Va. to see her son, Earl, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnette Smith and family, of Lynchburg, and Miss Helen Martin, of Roanoke visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Martin during the holidays.

Miss Marie Owens spent the week-end at her home, Jonesville, Va.

Mrs. Miller Lucado and children visited Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Marsh and other relatives last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers and children, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mrs. Daisy Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burcher and daughter, of Howardsville, Va. visited Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Coleman Sunday.

Mrs. C. S. Adams is aspending several days in Roanoke this week with her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mays and children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilkerson, Mrs. C. S. Adams and son were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson Sunday.

Mrs. Roland Smith visited Mrs. C. H. Coleman and family Monday.

W. H. Ayers continues ill at his home here.

We extend sympathy to the loved ones of Mr. J. B. Deaner, who passed away last week.

Many from the community attended the young people's Easter service at Mt. Comfort Church on Sunday night. It was a very interesting and impressive program.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Moore and son, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Roland Smith during the holidays.

Ralph Chernault spent last week-end with Edward McCormick.

Mrs. Bob Wells and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Page, of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Page and children, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. George Page visited Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Page Sunday.

Mr. Rosenberg and family, of Lynchburg visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Martin.

Joan Catlett visited Mary Ellen Moore Monday.

Mrs. J. I. Moore spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harding. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wooldridge spent Sunday in this home.

Rocks News

Rocks, March 30.- Farmers are busy sowing grass seed.

Mrs. W. T. Ranson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans home last Sunday, where she spent most of the week with them.

Mrs. Maude Ranson is on the sick list.

C. S. Ranson was quite sick last week. Dr. D. A. Christian was to see him.

Mrs. L. K. Almond spent last Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Will Richardson, of Appomattox.

Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. Jack Vaught, of Cullen were to see Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Toby Inge gave an Easter egg hunt for the Sunbeams of Rocks Church Saturday afternoon. Ryland Taylor found the most eggs.

The B. T. U. had a social Saturday night in the home of Misses Odelle and Etta Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and children, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson and Cassie Baldwin were visiting in the home of Mrs. W. F. Ranson Sunday afternoon.

Miss Annie C. Martin, of Lynchburg spent the Easter holidays at her home here.

R. L. Jennings got his hand hurt last week, while watering the horses.

Rhomy Wilson is in a hospital in New York.

Charlie Calvin Ranson, who has been ill in a hospital in Lynchburg is improving.

Mrs. C. W. Baldwin and children spent Monday with Mrs. Bobby Wright.

The Home Demonstration Club had its March meeting with Mrs. C. S. Ranson Friday afternoon. The hostess served candy. The members sang "Happy Birthday" to Cassie Baldwin, whose birthday was on this day.

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And this is all to the good. It spells progress. It's part of America's better and better living standards.

It's part of the amazing fact that oil has supplied 62% of this country's whole vast increase in use of fuel over the past 20 years—for industry, agriculture, homes, and transportation.

But it also means close figuring between present needs and present capacity. Even today's record output doesn't give the *extra* reserve of available supply we've always had in the American oil business. This will be true until the full effect of the new, expanded facilities is felt.

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